

Negative Doubles and Other Doubles By Responder

What is a Negative Double?

- Double by the RESPONDER after a 1-level opening
- Can have a specific meaning
- TAKEOUT!
- Tells partner to keep bidding

How Many Points for a Negative Double?

- Double shows points commensurate with the level of the bidding
- A Double on the 1-level shows 6+ points
- A double which forces partner to the 3-level should be 10+ points

1.

What's Your Call

West	North	East	South
	1♦	1♠	?

West	North	East	South
	1♦	1♠	Dbf

South

Hand of South: 8♠, 4♠, K♥, Q♥, 3♥, 2♥, K♣, 5♣, 4♣, 3♣, 9♦, 8♦, 7♦, 6♦.

2.

What's Your Call

West	North	East	South
	1♦	2♠	?

West	North	East	South
	1♦	2♠	Pass

8♠	4♠	K♥	Q♥	3♥	2♥	K♣	5♣	4♣	3♣	9♦	8♦	7♦						
South																		

3.

What's Your Call

West	North	East	South
	1♦	4♠	?

West	North	East	South
	1♦	4♠	Dbl

South

The image shows a hand of cards for South. The cards are: ♠4, ♥K, ♥Q, ♥J, ♥2, ♣Q, ♣J, ♣9, ♣3, ♦A, ♦10, ♦7, ♦3. The hand is displayed in a row with a teal bar at the bottom labeled 'South'.

4.

What's Your Call

West	North	East	South
1♣	2♠	?	

West	North	East	South
1♣	2♠	Pass	

South

The image shows a hand of cards for South. The cards are: ♠K, ♠Q, ♠10, ♠8, ♠2, ♥K, ♥4, ♥3, ♣2, ♦10, ♦9, ♦3, ♦2, and a single ♦. The cards are arranged in a row, with the suits and ranks labeled above them. A blue banner at the bottom of the hand is labeled "South".

Special Cases

- After partner opens 1♣ and there is an overcall of 1♦, double promises 4+ cards in both majors
- After partner opens and there is an overcall of 1♥, double shows EXACTLY 4 spades
- After partner opens and there is an overcall of 1♠ or a higher SUIT, double shows appropriate values for the level and usually four cards in a major

5.

What's Your Call

West	North	East	South
	1♣	1♦	?

West	North	East	South
	1♣	1♦	1♠



6.

What's Your Call

West	North	East	South
	1♣	1♦	?

West	North	East	South
	1♣	1♦	Dbf

South

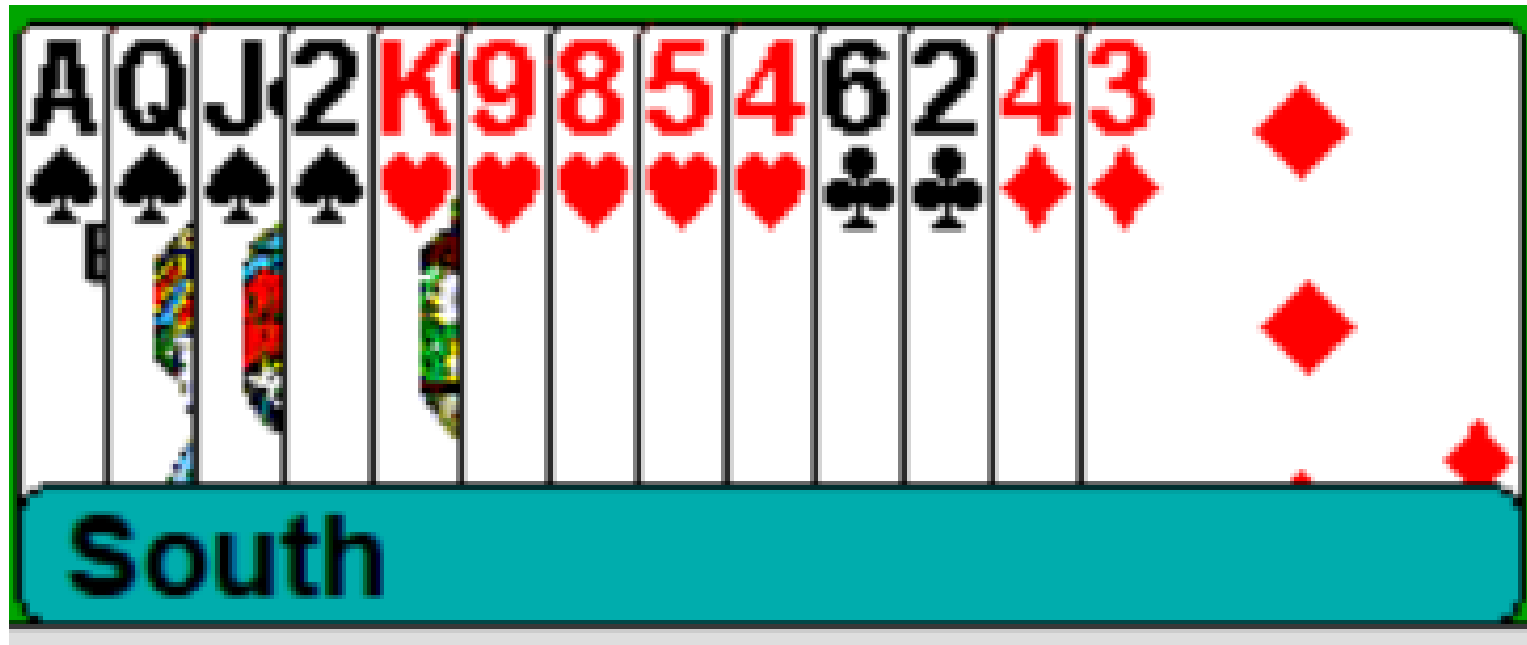
The image shows a hand of cards for South. The cards are: ♠A, ♠Q, ♠J, ♠2, ♥K, ♥9, ♥8, ♥4, ♣8, ♣6, ♣2, ♦4, ♦3, and ♦2. The rank and suit of each card are printed on the top of the card. The word "South" is written in a teal box at the bottom of the hand.

7.

What's Your Call

West	North	East	South
	1♣	1♦	?

West	North	East	South
	1♣	1♦	Dbf



8.

What's Your Call

West	North	East	South
	1♣	1♠	?

West	North	East	South
	1♣	1♠	2♥

South

The image shows a hand of cards for South. The cards are: ♠A, ♠2, ♥A, ♥K, ♥6, ♥5, ♥4, ♣9, ♣6, ♣2, ♦Q, ♦3, ♦2, and a fourth diamond card. A blue banner at the bottom of the hand is labeled "South".

What's Your Call

West	North	East	South
	1♣	1♠	?

West	North	East	South
	1♣	1♠	Dbf

South

Hand of South:

- Spades: 8, 6, 2
- Hearts: K, 7, 6, 5, 4
- Clubs: A, 6, 2
- Diamonds: 3, 2

Another Thought

- When making a negative double, have a plan for how to continue if partner bids the wrong suit
- It's ok to have a long suit to double and bid again (this is weaker than bidding the suit directly)

What's Your Call

West	North	East	South
	1♥	1♠	?

West	North	East	South
	1♥	1♠	2♠

6♠	2♠	K♥	Q♥	4♥	A♣	6♣	3♣	2♣	A♦	8♦	3♦	2♦	♦
South													

What's Your Call

West	North	East	South
	1♥	1♠	?

West	North	East	South
	1♥	1♠	Dbl

South

Hand of South:

- Spades: 6, 3, 2
- Hearts: K, 4
- Clubs: A, Q, 3, 2
- Diamonds: A, 8, 3, 2

What's Your Call

West	North	East	South
	1♦	2♣	?

West	North	East	South
	1♦	2♣	Dbl

South

The image shows a hand of cards for South. The cards are: ♠A, ♠J, ♠3, ♠2, ♥K, ♥4, ♣4, ♣2, ♦Q, ♦8, ♦5, ♦3, ♦2. A teal banner at the bottom of the hand is labeled "South".

13.

What's Your Call

West	North	East	South
	1♣	1♠	?

West	North	East	South
	1♣	1♠	Dbl

South

Exceptions

- After partner's preempt or after a 1NT overcall, double for PENALTY
- If partner opens 1NT and opponents overcall, double needs agreement
- Double of an artificial bid (Michaels or Unusual 2NT) shows values and a willingness to penalize one of their suits

What's Your Call?

West	North	East	South
	1♠	1NT	?

West	North	East	South
	1♠	1NT	Dbf

South

The image shows a hand of cards for South. The cards are: ♠4, ♠2, ♥A, ♥K, ♥4, ♣Q, ♣10, ♣3, ♦Q, ♦J, ♦10, ♦9, ♦2, and a diamond. The cards are arranged in a row, with the rank and suit symbol above each card. The diamond suit is represented by a red diamond symbol. The word "South" is written in a blue box at the bottom of the hand.

What's Your Call?

West	North	East	South
	1♠	1NT	?

West	North	East	South
	1♠	1NT	2♦

South

Hand of South: 2♠, 4♥, 2♥, 10♣, 9♣, 4♣, 3♣, K♦, Q♦, J♦, 10♦, 4♦, 3♦.

What's Your Call?

West	North	East	South
	2♠	3♥	?

West	North	East	South
	2♠	3♥	Pass



What's Your Call?

West	North	East	South
	2♠	3♥	?

West	North	East	South
	2♠	3♥	Dbl



What's Your Call?

West	North	East	South
	1♠	2♠	?

West	North	East	South
	1♠	2♠	3♥

South

The image shows a hand of 13 cards for South. The cards are: ♠K, ♠Q, ♠J, ♠2, ♥3, ♥2, ♣A, ♣10, ♣9, ♦A, ♦10, ♦4, ♦3. The cards are arranged in a row with their rank and suit symbols above them. Below the cards is a teal banner with the word "South" in white text.